Release of Funds to Autonomous Councils of Assam

4236. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not issued direction to the Government of Assam to release the fund sanctioned under Central non-lapsable pool meant for Autonomous Councils of North Cacher hills and Karbi, Anglong;

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by when the sanctioned fund will be released to the above Councils?

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Rural Poverty in Himachal Pradesh

4237. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of rural poverty in Himachal Pradesh, particularly in hilly and backward areas have gone up considerably;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are being adopted by Government to solve this problem?

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